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**Sent:** Thur 5/21/2015 5:28:08 AM  
**Subject:** Re: Update: Crude oil spill - Refugio State Beach Park located in Santa Barbara County.  
(Status 0930hrs 20May2015)

Horrible. I'm trying to get them to do PAH monitoring and sampling.

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On May 20, 2015, at 10:18 PM, "Chelsea Rochman" <[chelsearochman@gmail.com](mailto:chelsearochman@gmail.com)> wrote:

I read about this. No good...

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On Wed, May 20, 2015 at 9:31 AM, Allen, HarryL <[Allen.HarryL@epa.gov](mailto:Allen.HarryL@epa.gov)> wrote:

This is a mess. I've sent folks. Worried about PAH and BTEX aquatic toxicity.

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Begin forwarded message:

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FYI:

Crude oil spill - Refugio State Beach Park located in Santa Barbara County.  
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US Coast Guard MSD Santa Barbara reported the spill yesterday afternoon (19May) and found it originating from a 24inch wide pipeline near Refugio State Beach (Santa Barbara County) on the shore side of HWY 101. The pipeline belongs to Plains All-American Pipeline LP, and it has been secured. The total release estimated by Plains All-American is 500 barrels (21,000 gallons) of crude oil. Plains All-American has contracted Patriot Environmental and Clean Seas Environmental to conduct cleanup operations.

Captain Jennifer F. Williams, Commanding Officer, Sector LA/LB is the FOSC. An Incident Command Post (ICP) has been established at Refugio State Beach Park. Cal Fish and Wildlife has ordered beach closures. CG Sector LA/LB has stood up an Incident Management Team and has opened the oil spill liability trust fund for an initial amount of \$25,000. The CG is deploying a Public Information Officer as well as folks from the Pacific Strike Team. Additionally, the CG is undertaking an overflight of the area.

EPA deployed two FOSC (Rogow/Waldon) yesterday in support of the CG.

The oil continues to move adjacent to the beach and as of yesterday a sheen could be seen four (4) miles to the south of the Refugio State Beach Park.

The Regional Response Team 9 has received no requests from the FOSC for use of any oil spill alternate remedial technologies, i.e., in-situ burn, soil washing, dispersants, etc. We will be holding an informational - incident specific call with the executive steering committee members of the RRT this afternoon.

Attached are photos from the LA Times newspaper.

Regards

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